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President's Message

With the end of the year fast approaching, I would like to thank all of you for your support as the Utah Division of I.A.I. 1994 President. This position has been one of growth for me, not only as a member of the division, but as a latent print examiner. The associations and new friends I have met this year are truly gratifying. I am grateful for the chance to get to know many of you better and share this past year with you.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the other officers who served this year. For Richard L. Wright, who served as Vice President; Barbara Crane, who served as treasurer; and for Art Terkelsen, who has served as the Division Secretary. Likewise, I would like to thank Jeff Itami, the past newsletter editor and division representative for all his contributions and input. Without the assistance of these fine individuals, this year would have been overwhelming, and probably impossible for the great meetings we have had. Thank you all for your help!

As most of you are aware, I made one last presidential appointment before my term has ended. I have appointed myself to be the new Newsletter Editor, that is until the next president impeaches me... I hope you will all feel comfortable in submitting items, articles, humorous antidotes and the like for publication. Please feel free to inform me with any additional criticisms or suggestions on how to make the newsletter more informational to you. Otherwise you will be stuck with my input and ideas.

In closing I would again like to thank you for a great year. I hope you feel this division is helpful to you in your daily work within the law enforcement world.

> Scott R. Spjut 1994 President Utah Division of I.A.I.

1995 ELECTED OFFICERS

The following individuals were elected at the Fall 1994 meeting for serving in the Utah Division of I.A.I.

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The Utah Division of I.A.I. Fall Meeting was held on October 5, 1994 at the Dee Events Center in Ogden, Utah. The meeting was a great success for all of those in attendance. The main speaker was Ivan Futrell, Latent print Supervisor for the F.B.I. in Washington D.C. Ivan covered the topic of Courtroom Tactics The Expert Witness. and The information was quite up to date and useful for anyone who testifies in court. There were several handouts with the If you did not receive the class. handouts, contact Scott or Richard at the State Crime Lab 965-4501.

The business meeting covered areas of concern, particularly of the need to certify with the I.A.I. in Crime Scene Investigations and Latent Print Examinations. The elections were also held for the 1995 officers.

Lunch was provided by the division, and several door prizes were given away for those members in attendance. The meeting was a successful one, and many have commented how useful the instruction increase was to our knowledge of court testimony. We are quite grateful to Ivan for taking time out of his busy schedule to fly out to Utah and instruct us with his wisdom.

1994 FALL MEETING CONTRIBUTORS FOR DOOR PRIZES

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The Utah Division of I.A.I would like to thank the many merchants who gave us so many door prizes for the 1994 Fall Meeting.

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There are many small, not noticed differences between so called identical siblings. Twins and other children in multiple births are fascinating in ways. Examining them for similarities and dissimilarities can prove very interesting. The confusion created and other mixed up situations which may develop when they are together is only the beginning.

Genetics plays an important role in the general design of fingerprint pattern formation. There is no evidence that the arbitrary arrangement of the minutiae (ridge endings, bifurcations, and dots) within that pattern are at all affected by genetics. This ridge detail is formed arbitrarily by the organization of thousands of sweat pores and solidifying them into ridges. These resultant ridges do serve another purpose besides the identification of the possessor. Because of the design of the ridge-valley type of skin tissue, we have a relatively non-slip means of gripping with our hands and gaining traction with our feet. Hence the term friction skin. The sweat pores which form the ridges secrete a form of sweat that serves to moisten and keep the bottoms of the feet and the hands supple.

These ridges begin to form during the gestation period while the fetus is still in its mother's womb. These ridges, along with the subtle differences are formed and permanent when a child is born. They will remain the same as formed until destroyed by decomposition after death. The only change is when they grow larger as the child grows up and

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they may be scarred from burns or accidents, or removed by amputation. Sometimes the individual sweat pores do not form lines and never develop into ridges, but into a non-recognizable pattern. This is permanent and they must be filed in a special area. This aberration is called dysplasia.

People may think that appearance is the only way they can tell from one twin to another. With twins who are labeled as identical this is particularly perplexing. While DNA coding is the same, and their physiology is similar for all practical purposes, the same. No two person will have the features of the ridges grouped in the same order. Nor will they have placement of these details, separated by the same number of intervening ridges between these details. No two areas of the same individual reflect the same minutiae.

While the organization of the pores into ridges forming patterns is directed by a genetic code. Where the ridge starts, stops, or splits into two is highly arbitrary and while overall appearances may look the same, a more detailed study will show that no two fingerprints, either from the same person or another individual will be an identical match. Who would be the most logical to have the same fingerprints if no a pair of so called identical twins. They share the same DNA coding and the same appearance. The same fingerprint classification code is found between twins, siblings who are not twins, their parents and even strangers. But it is the finite details in a person's hands and

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